

# Walter Bedell Smith

*answers nine questions about  
the anti-communist network*

## RADIO FREE EUROPE



General Walter Bedell Smith, former Under Secretary of State and former American Ambassador to Moscow, is the new President of the American Heritage Foundation, which sponsors the Crusade for Freedom.

Walter Bedell Smith answers nine vital questions about an organization which must have your dollars and your support—Radio Free Europe:

### What is Radio Free Europe?

Radio Free Europe is a network of 29 powerful transmitters and relay stations located in West Germany and Portugal. It broadcasts news from the free world to the five key satellite countries of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria—behind the Iron Curtain—for as much as 20 hours a day, every day.

### What is its purpose?

In these five countries behind the Iron Curtain and the Soviet Union live 70 million people. The Communists have taken away their liberties. But not their love of freedom. And not their yearning for news of what really goes on in their own countries and the world outside. Radio Free Europe answers this yearning for news.

The vast majority of these people are passively opposed to their Communist regimes. As long as this opposition is kept alive, as long as these people continue, even passively, to oppose their Soviet masters, as long as they continue to believe in and to work for eventual freedom—that long is Soviet Russia prevented from digesting them and to this extent is further deterred from aggression in western Europe.

### Who broadcasts over Radio Free Europe?

Respected exile leaders from behind the Iron Curtain—commentators, entertainers, editors, teachers, clergy-

men and statesmen speak in their own native languages. Poles speak to Poles, Czechs to Czechs, Slovaks talk to Slovaks, etc.

### What kind of programs are broadcast?

News, commentary, good shows, national music suppressed by the Communists, religious programs, satire—all better and more satisfying than that broadcast by the Communist stations in Warsaw, Prague, Budapest, Bucharest and Sofia. Listeners know they are not forgotten by the West.

### How does Radio Free Europe get its Iron Curtain news?

Radio Free Europe monitors Communist broadcasts. Programs are analyzed by exiles from the captive countries who *know the truth*. Voluminous information from many sources is compiled and evaluated constantly by exiled experts. New escapees bring out new truth daily—and they bring it to RFE.

### How effective is Radio Free Europe?

Official Communist protests, vain Red jamming attempts, coupled with the statements of escapees and the text of letters from behind the Iron Curtain—all attest to Radio Free Europe's effectiveness.

### Who supports Radio Free Europe?

Millions of Americans do! Radio Free Europe is operated by the Free

Europe Committee, Inc., a group of private American citizens. This Committee receives support from the American people who contribute voluntarily to the Crusade for Freedom. In 1955 we hope many millions more will join this crusade. Every cent raised by the American Heritage Foundation for the Crusade is turned over, without any deductions, for the work of Radio Free Europe and Free Europe Committee, Inc.

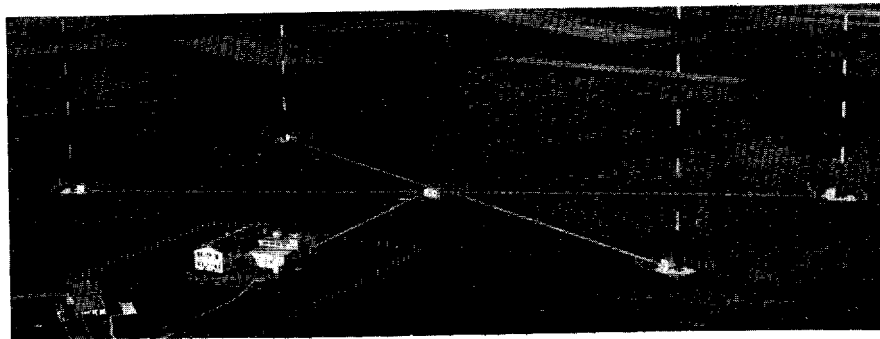
### What is the difference between Radio Free Europe and the Voice of America?

The Voice of America speaks as the official information agency of the United States Government. Because it broadcasts globally in 35 languages, it can devote only a limited amount of time to each country.

Radio Free Europe, on the other hand, concentrates its efforts on the five captive Iron Curtain countries. It is operated by private citizens. It is not restricted by diplomatic limitations, and it can hit the Communists hardest behind the Iron Curtain where it hurts them the most.

### Why is Radio Free Europe important to all of us?

Because this is one really personal way in which all of us can fight Communism. We can help keep the Kremlin off balance and deter aggression by supplying truth to the Soviets' enslaved populations. There is no more effective nor more efficient weapon in the cold war.



This transmitter at Holzkirchen, Germany is the largest of Radio Free Europe's 29 outlets. It has brought many angry protests from Communists in Czechoslovakia where it is beamed 20 hours a day.

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